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**May 19, 2003**

**The Honorable Michael J. Copps**  
**Commissioner**  
**Federal Communications Commission**  
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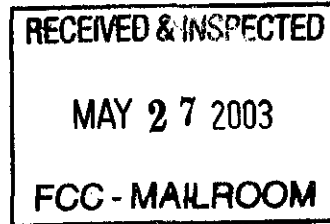
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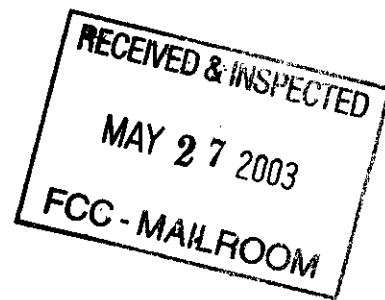
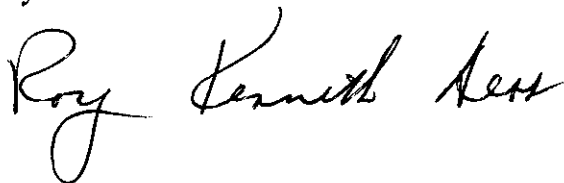
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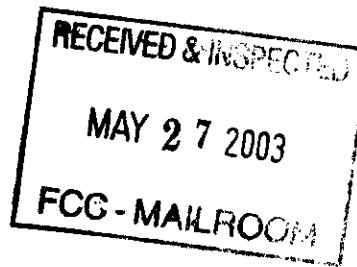
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Philip C. Armada MD  
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The Honorable Kevin J Martin  
Commissioner  
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Dear Mr. Martin;

I am writing to you about the broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies. I ask that you not relax the rules. The proposed changes could silence independent voices. Entire communities could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to broadcast and which to censor. The American people deserve to hear more than one viewpoint on important issues.

Therefore, for the sake of democracy and freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership rules.

Thank you,

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Philip C. Armada, MD

*additionally, as a citizen and  
police officer, I fear this charge,  
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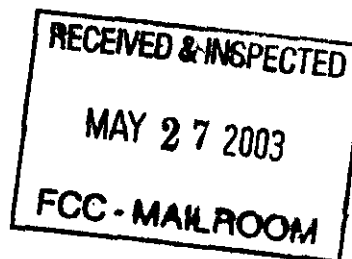
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WILLIAM M. RICHARDSON  
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Commissioner Kevin Martin  
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Re: Media Diversity

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The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

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Attorney Deborah J. Monaco

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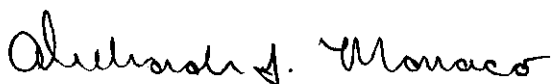
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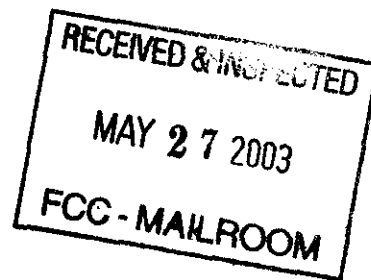
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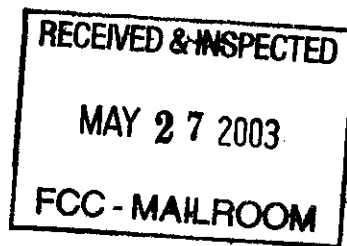


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The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on any issue. Therefore, for the sake of our democratic freedom I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

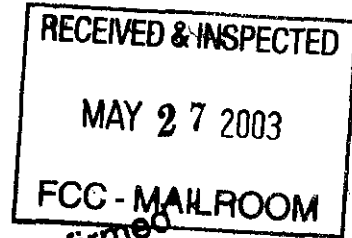
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William L. Steo



*Michelle Clarkson*

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May 15, 2003

*The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
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*Dear Mr. Adelstein:*

*I strongly urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.*

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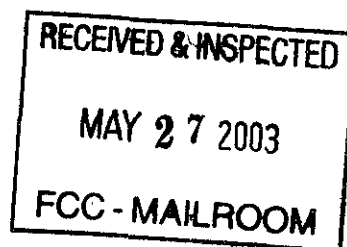
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*Respectfully,*

*Michelle Clarkson*

*Mrs. Michelle Clarkson*



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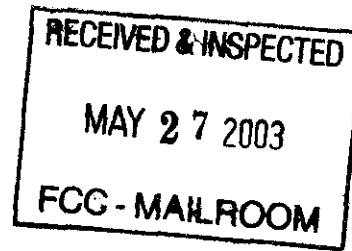
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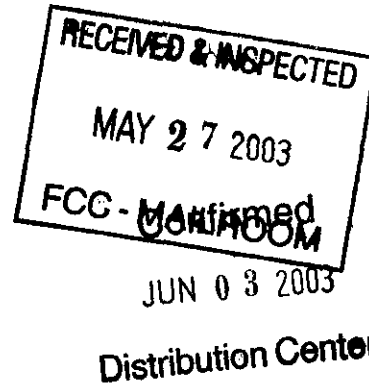
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Dear Mr. Copps,

I have recently heard that your commission has requested comment from the public regarding the relaxation of rules governing broadcast ownership. I urge you not to relax these rules.

America has been and is a great nation because her people have the right to freedoms granted by the blood of many thousands of patriots who have selflessly given their all for their fellow citizens. Their sacrifice has given us the freedom of speech. I fear that a relaxation of these rules will pave the way for media conglomerates to gain a stranglehold on the radio and television stations across America. It will allow a chosen few to control what Americans are permitted to hear and say. The track record of many of the corporations petitioning for this change is to suppress opposing viewpoints. Our freedom of speech will be limited to only what they wish to have Americans hear. This hands control of the American people over to the few and would violate all that our forefather stood for. It would destroy the principles of freedom that make America great.

Please, do not hand our lives over to those who would use this new found power to make us into something that we can not tolerate.

Sincerely,

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East Lansing, MI 48823

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I am writing you to urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies.

If the proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States of America could be snuffed out by huge media corporations. The changes would allow giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation.

These media conglomerates that are in support of the changes are the same that have, in the past, attempted to use their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. If these changes were to take place, it would give them even more power to keep opposing views off of the air and out of the newspapers, hindering free speech in our nation.

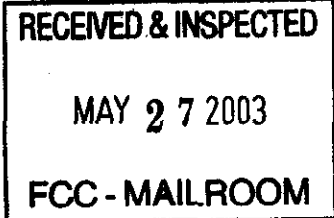
It is essential that the American people are allowed to maintain access to more than one point of view. Please ensure that the broadcast ownership protections remain in place so that healthy political debate in our country can continue.

Sincerely,



Ms. Andrea M. Faes

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Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor.

Many of the corporations that are fighting for these rule changes – including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC – are precisely the same companies that have a known track record of attempting to keep many of our viewpoints off the air. These proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. It is our heritage to listen to opposing views, to discuss and debate the important issues. Our founding fathers realized how important it was when they wrote the First Amendment to our Constitution. Therefore, for the sake of our republic and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that were wisely instituted decades ago, and for all those decades have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

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James R. Moser  
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Philadelphia, PA 19116

May 13, 2003

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Re: Make Your Voice Heard on Media Diversity Before It's Too Late!

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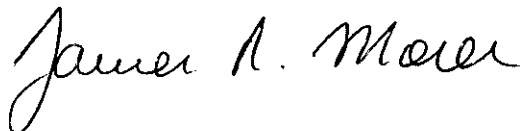
As a supporter of women's rights; environmental protection; consumer rights; human rights; lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender rights; open democracy; and freedom of the press, I am concerned that the current media merger threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that sustain a pluralistic, democratic society.

The media are more than just an industry. They bring information to people that affects their lives. They construct worldview, for they are windows onto the world. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, and we cannot defend our environment and our civil, consumer and human rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Media consolidation and conglomeration run counter to differentiated discourse that fosters open and critical minds which in turn can stand up for democracy. Your defense of media diversity is critical to this process!

Please, remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

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Now they want to completely eliminate competition and put it in the hands of three or four National and International corporations.

This country should be made-up of numerous business owners not just a few corporations. De-regulation has been a failure in all fields that it has been tried. It has also destroyed alot of lives and jobs in this country.  
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**Livermore, California 94550**  
**925-292-4696**

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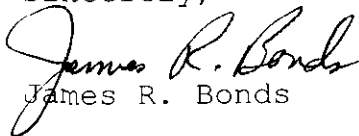
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The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues, or news that presents only one side of a story. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure diversity and healthy debate in our country.

Sincerely,

  
James R. Bonds

Louise J. Belle  
Post Office Box 5271  
Berkeley, CA 94705

Michael K. Powell, Chairman  
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To Chairman Powell:

This concerns the proposed changes to the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I am *adamantly opposed* to the proposed changes. We need more diversity of ownership, not less.

I am also appalled at the fact that the changes are due to come with no information about the specific content having been given to the public, nor to the Congressional committees with oversight responsibility for the FCC.

Whether further ownership consolidation would "enhance market productivity" or "increase efficiency" for the major media players is NOT a proper consideration for the FCC.

The public airwaves are just that: **PUBLIC**. The FCC has no right to give them away to any private interests, no matter how much money those individuals or entities may have contributed to any particular political candidate or cause.

If you think the proposed changes are in the public interest, then let the public know what's really going on, and listen to what the public has to say.

Enclosed is a copy of my written comments submitted for the record at the April 26, 2003 hearing held in San Francisco by FCC Commissioner Adelstein. We need many more such hearings before any further damage is done.

Sincerely,



Louise J. Belle  
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cc. with enclosure: FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
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FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein  
United States Senator John McCain  
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**Public comment**  
**FCC hearing, San Francisco**  
**04/26/03**  
by: Louise J. Belle, Berkeley, CA

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I also want to thank KPFA for broadcasting this hearing, and for publicizing it on the air earlier this week.

I am adamantly opposed to any proposal to further cut back, roll back, subvert, or otherwise degrade the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

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I read recently that FCC Chairman Powell said we don't need a "19th century whistlestop tour of America" in order to hear what the public thinks about this issue. He may not want that, but he certainly needs it. We all need it. We deserve it.

And so I urge the commission to reject any proposal to eliminate or cut back the broadcast media ownership rules.

But don't just take my word for it: I also urge the commission to extend the public comment and decision-making period for at least one year, and to hold well-publicized, well-advertized, thoroughly reported public hearings on this issue, in all 50 states.

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Enclosed is a copy of my written comments submitted for the record at the April 26, 2003 hearing held in San Francisco by FCC Commissioner Adelstein. We need many more such hearings before any further damage is done.

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cc. with enclosure: FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
FCC Commissioner Michael J. Kopps  
✓ FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein  
United States Senator John McCain  
United States Senator Barbara Boxer

**Public comment**  
**FCC hearing, San Francisco**  
**04/26/03**  
by: Louise J. Belle, Berkeley, CA

I want to thank the commission for holding this hearing today, especially on a Saturday.

I also want to thank KPFA for broadcasting this hearing, and for publicizing it on the air earlier this week.

I am adamantly opposed to any proposal to further cut back, roll back, subvert, or otherwise degrade the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

We need more diversity of ownership, not less.

Given the general course of events over the last 2-1/2 years, I know this is going to sound naive, but I'm going to say it anyway:

This is the United States. We are supposed to be the embodiment of free and open public access to information. All information, not pre-packaged, homogeneous, sanitized propaganda that toes the prevailing political party line. And we are supposed to be the embodiment of free and open, robust public debate on the important issues of the day.

I read recently that FCC Chairman Powell said we don't need a "19th century whistlestop tour of America" in order to hear what the public thinks about this issue. He may not want that, but he certainly needs it. We all need it. We deserve it.

And so I urge the commission to reject any proposal to eliminate or cut back the broadcast media ownership rules.

But don't just take my word for it: I also urge the commission to extend the public comment and decision-making period for at least one year, and to hold well-publicized, well-advertized, thoroughly reported public hearings on this issue, in all 50 states.

Anything less would not be in the public interest.

This is too important to let things happen behind closed doors.

Thank you.